



*1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. 8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.*

- First of all, have you been anywhere on their own without your family – perhaps on an activity type holiday where they didn't know anyone at first?
- How did it feel?
- Was it a positive experience – why/why not?

Look at the first 3 verses. Try & describe how the friends of Jesus must have felt when they heard what He was saying..

- Pretend to be Jesus and write down 3 pieces of advice you think He would have given to help His friends as they went on their mission trip.

Look at verses 4-11– what advice did He give? Do you agree with this advice? Why or Why not?

The advice Jesus gave might seem quite irresponsible – no luggage, no chatting to people on the way and so on – but what He really wanted was for them to be dependent on God and not on things and not to be distracted on their mission by people they met along the way. In the same way when they reached a town or village they were to accept what they were given in the way of food and accommodation so that they could remain totally focussed on their mission.

Jesus didn't promise it would be easy or that everyone would be their friends, but as an encouragement look at the followers response when they returned to Jesus. As Christians we should be dependent on God, focussed on what He wants us to do in a new situation, be up front about who we are and not get distracted when everything seems to be going wrong. This all takes great courage but we can be confident because we know God.

Here is an animated version: <https://youtu.be/EPLp1bFoEhs>

This is the official trailer for the film Turbo- <https://youtu.be/03SsdSzKbd0>

In that clip Turbo wasn't sure whether to try racing or not, yet he surprised himself when he started going didn't he?! Sometimes we say to God... do you really want me to go? It's scary, I'm afraid. I don't know what to do or say. How do I go? When should I go? Maybe we put ourselves on hold. Who knows what this sign means? That's right. Amber means wait. Now, sometimes God will tell us to wait and listen for Him to tell us when to speak. But He will always have a time for us to speak and tell people about Jesus – because He loves them.

See if you've read the passage for today- [https://www.christianbiblereference.org/cgi-bin/web\\_quiz1.pl?Ordy-14-CO.txt&0](https://www.christianbiblereference.org/cgi-bin/web_quiz1.pl?Ordy-14-CO.txt&0)

OK – so you know what the picture below is!



## **Look at the RED LIGHT-**

What about this sign? That's right Red means 'Stop!' Sometimes God will tell us to stop. He may want us to stop and pray. However, if He stops us from going somewhere He will always still want us to keep going and telling someone. We just need to listen and know who He is giving us the green light for. Now, we may sometimes want to hold up the amber or red lights ourselves. The disciples knew that they were going to face hard times. They could have told God it was too difficult. Too costly. Yet they all went. They all said yes.

## **Look at the GREEN LIGHT:**

We all know what this sign means right?! That's it! GO! It means, stop waiting about, get going! Move forward! Do something! And that's exactly what Jesus told the disciples to do. He told them that they were to go and make disciples. That meant that Jesus was telling his disciples to tell others about Him. They weren't just to tell others, but they were to teach them and even baptize them.

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